

UCC Hub

Comms to be released Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020:

Dear UCC students,

Welcome back after the Easter break. We sincerely hope you've had a bit of down time with your immediate family over the past two weeks whilst practising social distancing.

We are entering the last term of Semester 2 and would like to thank you for your commitment and perseverance in what has been and remains a testing time for students and staff alike during this global pandemic.

### **Assessments and deadlines**

We value your continued commitment to your studies during this stressful time. We have been working hard in the background to ensure fair assessment opportunities for you. We have managed to secure approval for leniency on assessment deadlines. A notification will be sent out to you shortly explaining what this entails. In short, we sought approval from the University of Sussex to allow all students extra time to complete assignments. Thank you for your patience whilst we sorted this out – please look out for the email that will follow shortly (Monday 20 April).

### **Professional conduct**

At this time, we would like to remind all our students of the Respect for All policy. We know many of you are frustrated by online learning but please do adhere to professional conduct at all times. Some ground rules to remember when conversing in online forums, chat rooms, email communication and online lecture settings:

- Be respectful to all participants, lecturers and students alike.
- Conduct your 'chat' in a professional manner as set out in the Student Code of Conduct, i.e. no swearing, short text, no shouting evidenced by capitals.
- Feel free to be a participant observer - you are not required to 'say' anything.

### **Graduation going ahead**

Graduation for final year students are going ahead as planned on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Marketing team is working hard towards this celebratory event. Please remember to update your contact details as soon as it changes via MyPT or logging into Moodle. Please also update your mobile details in case a lecturer needs to call you. If you have any problems doing this, please send an email to [ucc.registry@croydon.ac.uk](mailto:ucc.registry@croydon.ac.uk) and we can help you out.

### **Staying in touch**

I realise that students have felt anxious about the lack of communication over the Easter break. Please be assured that we have not forgotten about you, our students. We have been working hard to ensure fair assessment opportunities are approved with Sussex, and we are continuing to collaborate with the University to rise above the challenges facing your education. I will be writing to you on a regular basis to keep you informed of any changes or any updates with regards to your courses. I will attempt to provide as much clarity on any new procedure, policy or guidance as and when I receive it from the University of Sussex.

Make no mistake, I value your commitment to your studies and want each and every one of you to succeed and progress. We are all in this together.

Thank you.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>